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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of:)
Martin CALDWELL et al.) Confirmation No. 1503
Application No. 09/936,841) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: March 1, 2002) Examiner: Michael Thaler
For: A SURGICAL ACCESS DEVICE)

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1))**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby states that applicant is a small entity and that status as a small entity is asserted for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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